

Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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Subject: Re: draft guidelines

Re: lines #1078 & #1079 of the draft guidelines:

Since the introduction of a mechanical valve IV access port at our facility, Olathe Medical Center has enjoyed its lowest central line-associated bloodstream infection rates in its history.

I would suggest that not all mechanical valves are created equally and that it would be a disservice to make a recommendation that prefers split-septum devices to mechanical.

If such a recommendation deters hospitals from choosing a high-quality mechanical device over a split septum device, the result could indeed be increased CLABSIs.

Please remove lines #1078 & #1079 from the guidelines.

If anyone there would like to discuss further our successful experience with the mechanical valve, please call me at your convenience.

Thank you!

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